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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC: CIT. LIHAU KUMU ELABO (NEW COMMISSIONER
FOR SOUTH KIVU)

REF: BUKAVU 0031

1. THERE WAS NO INFORMATION IN OUR FILES ABOUT CIT. LIHAU KUMU
ELABO BUT FROM OTHER SOURCES WE HAVE OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING
DATA:

A. HE WAS BORN IN BUMA ABOUT 1939.

B. ATTENDED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN BUMBA.

C. ATTENDED "LENDA" SCHOOL IN KINSHASA AND GRADUATED WITH A
DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

D. APPOINTED FIRST BURGOMASTER (MAYOR) OF KAMIMA IN 1970.

E. APPOINTED FIRST BURGOMASTER (MAYOR) OF KISANGANI IN JANUARY
1971 TO OCTOBER 1972.

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2. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES CIT. LIHAU IS THE BROTHER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT, CIT. LIHAU EBUA LIBONA LA MOLENGO.

3. IN OCTOBER 1972 CIT. LIHAU AND OTHERS WERE ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLING PUBLIC FUNDS. AFTER A LARGE AND LENGTHY TRAIL HE WAS EVENTUALLY ACQUITTED IN OCTOBER 1973, THE OTHERS WERE FOUND GUILTY.

4. OUR SOURCES DISAGREE ON WHETHER OR NOT LIHAU WAS ACTUALLY GUILTY OF THE CHARGES. HIS SUPPORTERS CLAIM THAT HE WAS FALSELY ACCUSED BY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNHAPPY WITH ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES HE HAD INTRODUCED. THEY CLAIM HE IS INNOVATIVE, HARD-WORKING AND HONEST. HIS DETRACTORS, ON THE OTHER HAND, CLAIM HE WAS GUILTY AND THAT HIS BROTHER HAD A HAND IN HIS ACQUITTAL. THEY ALSO CLAIM THAT HE IS AN ARROGANT AND DEMANDING PERSON WHO IS DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH.
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